

**TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing on Transportation Research Priorities: Maximizing Return on Investment of Taxpayer Dollars. Testimony was heard from: Peter Appel, Administrator, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation; Lynn Peterson, Transportation Policy Advisor, Office of Governor John Kitzhaber; and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE ON A NATIONAL CRITICAL MATERIALS STRATEGY**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on The Federal Perspective on a National Critical Materials Strategy. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science & Technology Policy; David Sandalow, Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; and Jeff L. Doebrich, Program Coordinator (Acting), Mineral Resources Program, Geological Survey.

**HOW PROPOSED HOURS OF SERVICE TRUCKING RULES ARE A DEAD END FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Do Not Enter: How Proposed Hours of Service Trucking Rules are a Dead End for Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CREATING JOBS AND INCREASING U.S. EXPORTS BY ENHANCING THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Creating Jobs and Increasing U.S. Exports by Enhancing the Marine Transportation System.” Testimony was heard from David Matsuda, Administrator, Maritime Administration; and public witnesses.

**MENTAL HEALTH: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CARE AND COMPENSATION FOR VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing on Mental Health: Bridging the Gap between Care and Compensation for Veterans. Testimony was heard from Karen H. Seal, M.D., Department of Medicine and Psychiatry, San Francisco Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Antonette Zeiss, Acting Deputy Patient Care Services Officer for Mental Health, Vet-

erans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**ACCURACY OF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Subcommittee on Social Security held a joint hearing on the accuracy of payments made by the Social Security Administration (SSA). Testimony was heard from Carolyn Colvin, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Patrick P. O'Carroll Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Dan Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****MOLDOVA'S CONFLICT IN TRANSNISTRIA**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.* Commission received a briefing on prospects for unfreezing Moldova's frozen conflict in Transnistria, focusing on examining how the existing security and governance conditions in the region affect the human rights and humanitarian situations on the ground from Igor Munteanu, Ambassador of Moldova to the United States, Department of State; Vladimir Socor, Jamestown Foundation, Berlin, Germany; and Vlad Spanu, Moldova Foundation, and Lyndon Allin, both of Washington, DC.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* to hold hearings to examine the “Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act” and implementation of Title VII one year later, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense, 11 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine enhancing safety and

soundness, focusing on lessons learned and opportunities for continued improvement, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, to hold hearings to examine the “Clean Air Act” and public health, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer A. Di Toro, Donna Mary Murphy, and Yvonne M. Williams, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control*, to hold hearings to examine the continued construction of illegal tunnels on the southwest border of the United States and the role these tunnels may play in the transport of drugs, weapons and human beings, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Full Committee, markup of the Energy and Water Appropriations, FY 2012, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 1217, to prohibit the Department of Education from overreaching into academic affairs and program eligibility under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup of the following: H.R. 1938, the North American-Made Energy Security Act; and H.R. 2054, the Energy and Revenue Enrichment Act of 2011, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing on legislation to require greater protection for sensitive consumer data and timely notification in case of breach, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, reconvene hearing from June 2, entitled “PPACA’s Effects on Maintaining Health Coverage and Jobs: A Review of the Health Care Law’s Regulatory Burden,” 3 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on Global Maritime Piracy: Fueling Terrorism, Harming Trade, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Threat of Muslim-American Radicalization in U.S. Prisons,” 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on legislation regarding the Legal Workforce Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup of H.J. Res. 1, Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 258, the Chesapeake Bay Account-

ability and Recovery Act of 2011; H.R. 295, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes; H.R. 320, the Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act; H.R. 441, the Kantishna Hills Renewable Energy Act of 2010; H.R. 470, the Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2011; H.R. 489, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes; H.R. 643, the Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act; H.R. 670, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands; H.R. 686, the Utah National Guard Readiness Act; H.R. 765, the Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2011; H.R. 944, to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by incorporating the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, into the California Coastal National Monument managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County’s rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; H.R. 1022, Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act; H.R. 1141, the Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act; H.R. 1160, the McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; and S. 266, to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Operation Fast and Furious: Reckless Decisions, Tragic Outcomes,” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Postal Infrastructure: How Much Can We Afford?” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on An Examination of DOE’s Clean Technology Programs, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Lifting the Weight of Regulations: Growing Jobs by Reducing Regulatory Burdens.” The focus of the hearing is on the following bills: H.R. 527, the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011; and H.R. 585, the Small Business Size Standard Flexibility Act of 2011, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.